

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 6, 12, 14, 18, 19 and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In view of cancellation of claims 6, 12, 14, 18, 19 and 21, the rejection of these claims in numbered section 2 of the Office Action is moot.

Applicants note the indication that claims 16, 17 and 20 are allowed.

Accordingly, it is submitted the subject application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, entry of this amendment and favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1021.43559X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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